

**Department of Human Services
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RULES**

A public hearing will be held in Room 412, 4th floor, State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 from 1 to 3 p.m., to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered

§§ 46:30:08:01 to 46:30:08:07, inclusive and §§46:30:08:13 and 46:30:08:14

The effect of the rules will be to add new definitions to the definition section, clarify and expand the covered services to include implants for both ears, clarify and expand the eligibility criteria to include individuals through age 20 with one existing implant or an individual through age 20 with a documented progressive hearing loss leading to deafness after speech and language have developed, and clarify the application process.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to comply with HB 1250 which was signed into law on March 6, 2007.

Persons interested in presenting data, statements, opinions and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing on November 14, 2007, or by sending them to the Department of Human Services, Hillsvue Plaza, E. Highway 34, c/o 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070. C/o Velda Bartel, Administrative Rules Coordinator. **Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Human Services by November 24, 2007, to be considered.**

After the hearing, the Department of Human Services will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Department may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the above-mentioned office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-5990 or (605) 773-6412 TTY.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

Department of Human Services
Hillsvue Plaza, East Hwy. 34
C/o 500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Or downloaded from the SD Division of Rehabilitation Services' website at: www.state.sd.us/dhs/drs/